

State-Level Temporary Assistance for the HCTC National Emergency Grant (NEG) Bridge Program

Some states currently have temporary assistance programs for individuals who are potentially eligible for the Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). This HCTC temporary assistance program, also called the National Emergency Grant (NEG) Bridge Program, pays 65% of individuals' health plan premiums while they are enrolling in the HCTC Program. This temporary assistance ends when individuals receive their first invoice from the HCTC Program.

If you are potentially eligible for the HCTC and live in one of the states listed below, contact your state to inquire about your eligibility for the state's temporary assistance for the HCTC. If your state is not listed below and you want to inquire about the future availability of a NEG Bridge Program in your state, you may call the U.S. Department of Labor toll free at 1-877-US-2JOBS (877-872-5627).

State	Contact	Phone	Website
Alabama	Becca Webster, Alabama HCTC Program	1-866-644-3780	http://www.alhctc.info
Georgia	TAA staff	1-404-232-3672	NA
Illinois	Mary Darnall	1-217-782-6333	NA
Kentucky	Melissa Wiley	502-564-7456	http://www.dtr.ky.gov/trade.htm
Maine	Maine Bureau of Employment Services – Maine HCTC Program	1-888-457-8883	http://www.mainecareercenter.com/job-seekers/
Maryland	Becca Webster, Maryland HCTC Program	1-877-341-7697	http://www.mdhctc.info
Minnesota	Lowell Johnson	1-888-631-1345	http://www.deed.state.mn.us/taa/tra.htm
New Hampshire	Jackie Heuser, Workforce Opportunity Council	1-603-229-3470	NA
North Carolina	Employment Security Commission – local offices have NEG/state HCTC Program information	Contact your local ESC office	http://www.ncesc.com
Ohio	HCTC Gap Filler Program Staff	1-866-288-0989, select Option 2	NA
South Carolina	Becca Webster, South Carolina HCTC Program	1-888-341-7125	www.schctc.info
Utah	Jean Fisher, Department of Workforce Services	1-877-529-5578	http://jobs.utah.gov
Virginia	Krystal Blanton, Virginia HCTC Program Administrator	1-866-484-8130	NA
Washington	HCTC Coordinator	1-360-438-4000	http://fortress.wa.gov/esd/portal/
West Virginia	Elaine Huskins, Workforce Investment Specialist	1-304-558-7024	NA

Enrolling in the State's HCTC Temporary Assistance Program

Each state has a different registration process for individuals to enroll in the state's HCTC temporary assistance program. However, all states require that an individual:

- Be a PBGC recipient or TAA certified (Trade Adjustment Act), and
- Have qualified health insurance.

Most states require:

- A copy of the HCTC Candidate Letter (all potentially eligible individuals receive this in the mail from the HCTC Program), and
- Proof of qualified health coverage (a COBRA election letter and/or documentation from a State-Qualified Health Plan).